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STATE PASS ENGBRETSON/FAS/USDA

WHILE MANY OTHER COAL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WERE CLOSING MINES, POLAND WAS MODERNIZING AND AUTOMATING HER MINES. TODAY, AS THE WORLD'S FOURTH LARGEST COAL PRODUCER, POLAND HAS ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF BOTH BROWN AND BLACK COAL FOR HER OWN DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT COMMITMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDERABLE TIME, EFFORT, AND FUNDS ARE BEING ALLOCATED TO RESEARCH TO EXPLOIT TO THE FULLEST THE ENERGY POTENTIAL OF COAL. ON THE OTHER HAND, POLAND IS ALMOST WHOLLY DEPENDENT UPON THE USSR FOR PETROLEUM. HOWEVER, ALL INDICATIONS WOULD LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE THAT POLAND'S IMPORTS FROM THIS SOURCE WILL BE MET AT LEAST AT A QUANTITATIVE LEVEL EQUAL TO THAT OF 1973. IMPORTED FERTILIZER COMPONENTS ARE RECEIVED OVERLAND FROM USSR AND EAST GERMANY. THEREFORE, FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY WITH IMPORTATION OF POTASH. CONSEQUENTLY

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PROJECTED FERTILIZER PRODUCTION CONSIDERED TO BE ADEQUATE TO

SUPPORT PLANNED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT. ADDITIONALLY OVER ONE MILLION TONS OF FERTILIZER PLANNED FOR EXPORT DURING 1974.

I. PRODUCTION CAPACITIES EQUAL 'PLANNED' 1974-75 FIGURES, OR ARE VERY NEAR, NO MORE THAN 5 PERCENT ABOVE.

II. SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION. IN TERMS OF PURE COMPONENTS AND THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS FERTILIZER.

1. PRODUCTION-CALENDAR YEAR

	1971	1972	1973(1)	1974(2)	1975(2)
NITROGEN	1,081	1,147	1,404	1,475	1,526
PHOSPHOROUS	706	763	845	890	982

(1) PRELIMINARY. (2) PLANNED.

2. IMPORTS-CALENDAR YEAR (1)

	1971	1972
NITROGEN	--	126
PHOSPHOROUS	54	27
POTASH	2,191	2,108

(1) 1973 FIGURES UNAVAILABLE.

3. EXPORTS-CALENDAR YEAR

	1971	1972	1973
NITROGEN(1)	853	953	1,265

(1) TOTAL COMPOUNDED PRODUCT.

4. CONSUMPTION-CROP YEAR

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	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74(1)	1974/75(1)
NITROGEN	822.4	906.7	1,050	1,100	1,200
PHOSPHOROUS	635.1	718.4	800	790	1,000
POTASH	1,114.2	1,262.2	1,300	1,400	1,550

(1) PLANNED.

5. LATEST STOCK FIGURES ARE FOR 1971:

NITROGEN 13.3

PHOSPHOROUS 40.9

III. PRICES TO FARMERS-ZLOTIES PER 100 KG.

1971 1972 1973 1974

NITROGEN (UREA 46 PERCENT) 365 3200 320 320

PHOSPHOROUS-SUPERPHOSPHATE
(17.5-18-0 PERCENT) 90 76 72 72

POTASSIUM-POTASSIUM SALE (38-42 PERCENT) 88 77 77 77

IV. MAJOR AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS INCLUDE LIVESTOCK FEEDS WHICH
WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON A POLITICAL DECISION UNDOUBTEDLY WITH
WEIGHTY CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO WORLD PRICES AND
UTILIZATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

V. GNP-BILLION ZLOTIES:

1972 1973 1974(1)

1,052.2 1,135.3 1,243.2

(1) PLANNED.

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